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Mr. Erwin W. Kreis, Secretary
The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.
1632 North 35th Street
Milwaukee 8, Wis.

Dear Erv:

It is my observation that most radio clubs are a transient phenomenon, dependent upon the potential of one or two men and going into a quick decay as soon as they cease to give it attention. All the more remarkable, then, the attainments of The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, not only for its continuity of existence but for its accomplishments over its long life. As you approach the twenty-eighth year of your existence, and the twenty-fifth of your affiliation with ARRL, please let me offer the congratulations and the very warm felicitations of the Headquarters gang to your members and officers, and wish for you an extended vista of useful and interesting accomplishment.

Many thanks for yours of the 18th. MRAC indeed rates a write-up in QST. I've just spoken to Mrs. Witte and she will be glad to give it space, so I am passing your data over to her for that purpose. January issue, I assume.

I don't know whether MRAC is the oldest local club or not. I would think there might be some older. The Radio Club of America claims to have been founded in 1909 as the Junior Wireless Club, Ltd., with a subsequent change in name. While it may be debatable whether the Radio Club of America is strictly comparable, since they once aspired to be a national organization, and I believe set up a Chicago chapter, I have always regarded them as a local New York City club. It should be interesting to publish a statement that MRAC believes itself to be the oldest club in America and see whether anybody arises to dispute your claim. I am sure, however, that none can claim

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your continuity of weekly meetings and in fact I've known no radio club that I thought as interesting as MRAC. I know I'd seek to join if I lived in your vicinity.

By the way, wouldn't it be of interest to figure out how many meetings the club has held and refer to the number of the meeting in the calls and in the minutes. If you tell the members that the 619th meeting of the club will be held next Thursday, etc., it's an impressive thing and might be helpful. Looks good in the minutes, too.

Best wishes all around.

Sincerely yours,

Swanson
Managing Secretary

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